

**Remarks**

Applicants thank the Examiner for confirming via phone on October 17, 2005, that the restriction requirement does not claim a typographical error in the grouping of the claims.

**Restriction Requirement**

I. Election With Traverse

Applicants elect Group II, Claims 2, 8, 12 and 14 with traverse.

II. Basis For Traverse

According to MPEP § 803, a restriction requirement between patentably distinct inventions is only proper when

- 1.) The inventions are independent or distinct; and
- 2.) There is a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required.

A rebuttable prima facie showing of a serious burden can be made if the Examiner shows by appropriate explanation either separate classification, status in the art, or a different field of search as defined in MPEP § 808.02.

Here, the Restriction Requirement contends that the invention of Groups I and II-VI are distinct and the inventions of Groups II-VI are unrelated for reasons of record.

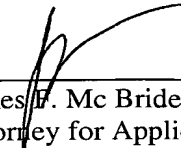
Applicants respectfully contend that there is no undue burden as an art search for any of Groups I-VI would be expected to yield the art that is pertinent to the patentability of each of Groups I-VI. As a result of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of the Claims 1-17.

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